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Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a

Continuation       Divisional       Continuation-in-Part

application of prior pending Application No. 09/416,365, filed October 8, 1999,

For (Title): METHODS AND CIRCUITS FOR STACKING BUS ARCHITECTURE

By (Inventors): Xi CHEN; and Brian CHANG

1.  A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney is:
  - a. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)
  - b. A new Declaration and Power of Attorney. (Used with the same, fewer or additional inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application, (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter, or (c) a new specification.)
2.  The filing fee based on entry of the concurrently filed Preliminary Amendment is calculated below.

CLAIMS IN THE APPLICATION AFTER ENTRY OF  
 ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT NOTED BELOW

| FOR:   | NO. FILED | NO. EXTRA |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| BASIC FEE  |           |           |
| TOTAL CLAIMS   | 43 - 20   | = 23      |
| INDEP CLAIMS   | 5 - 3     | = 2       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED |           |           |

\* If the difference is less than zero, enter "0".

| SMALL ENTITY |        | OTHER THAN A<br>SMALL ENTITY |         |
|--------------|--------|------------------------------|---------|
| RATE         | FEES   | RATE                         | FEES    |
|              | \$ 355 |                              | \$ 710  |
| x 9 =        |        | x 18                         | \$ 414  |
| x 40 =       |        | x 80                         | \$ 160  |
| +135 =       |        | +270                         |         |
| TOTAL        |        | TOTAL                        | \$ 1284 |

3.  Check No. 315413 in the amount of \$1,324.00 to cover the filing fee of \$1,284.00 and the assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 is attached. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.
4.  Cancel claims -- of the application before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.
5.  Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

—This is a  Continuation  Division  Continuation-in-Part of Application No. -- filed --, -- (which in turn is a Continuation Application of Parent Application No. \_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_). The disclosure of the prior application(s) is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--

6.  Formal drawings (Figs. 1-5C) are attached.

7.  Priority of foreign application No. -- filed -- in -- is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).

8.  The certified copy was filed in prior Application No. -- on--.

9.  A certified copy of the above foreign application(s) is attached.

10.  Priority of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/103,813 filed October 8, 1998 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).

11.  Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
--This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_.

12.  ✓ An assignment of the invention to Altima Communications, Inc. is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.

13.  This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R §1.53(b)(1)). Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application:

14.  A Preliminary Amendment is attached.

15.  An Information Disclosure Statement is attached along with Form PTO-1449 and 4 References.

16.  Small entity status:  
 a. A small entity statement is attached.  
 b. A small entity statement was filed in the parent application and such status is still proper and desired.  
 c. Small entity status is no longer claimed.

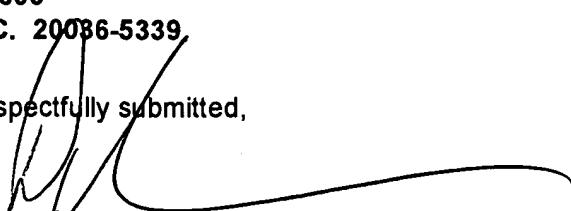
17.  Other: --

18.  The Power of Attorney in the application is to Robert B. Murray, Reg. No. 22,980; Charles M. Marmelstein, Reg. No. 25,895; George E. Oram, Jr., Reg. No. 27,931; Douglas H. Goldhush, Reg. No. 33,125; David T. Nikaido, Reg. No. 22,663; Richard J. Berman, Reg. No. 39,107; Murat Ozgu, Reg. No. 44,275; Robert K. Carpenter, Reg. No. 34,794; Gregory B. Kang Reg. No. 45,273; Rustan Hill, Reg. No. 37,351; Carl Schaukowitch, Reg. No. 29,211; Kevin Turner, Reg. No. 43,437; Hans J. Crosby, Reg. No. 44,634; and Brian A. Tollefson, Reg. No. 46,338.

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